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REPORT OF ACTION AGAINST ENEMY

1 January 1945.

106th Infantry Division (less 422d Infantry, 423d Infantry, 106th Reconnaissance Troop, 589th Field Artillery Battalion and 590th Field Artillery Battalion) was in XVIII Corps (Abn) reserve receiving reinforcements and supplies vicinity ANTHISNES (K429117) with Division Command Post at OUHAR (K442117). 424th Infantry moved to area vicinity BAUGNEE (K393149). 591st Field Artillery Battalion remained attached to 82d Airborne Division and the 592d Field Artillery Battalion remained attached to XVIII Corps (Abn) Artillery. All units had been alerted night of 31 December 1944, against any surprise attack by enemy airborne elements. 424th Infantry and the 81st Engineer (C) Battalion each organized the equivalent of one (1) company with automatic weapons in mobile reserve to be used at any time against any enemy airborne threat in the division area.

2 January 1945.

Division (-) continued to receive reinforcements and resupply. All units in division area were reminded that they were on continuous air alert, that they were to keep all motor vehicles dispersed and camouflaged as well as all other installations.

3 January 1945.

Division (-) continued to be reinforced and resupplied. At 031358A, XVIII Corps (Abn) ordered 424th Infantry to immediately reconnoiter routes and location for assembly area in the 117th Infantry (30th Infantry Division) area for possible move. 820th Tank Destroyer Battalion was relieved from attachment to the 106th Infantry Division and attached to First U. S. Army in place.

4 January 1945.

At 1100A, XVIII Corps (Abn) ordered 424th Infantry to move to temporary bivouac area west of SPA vicinity LA REID (K6212). Remainder of division continued reorganization.

5 January 1945.

424th Infantry completed motor movement to new area vicinity (K634065) at 051600A and made reconnaissance in 117th Infantry (30th Infantry Division) zone preparatory to relieving 117th Infantry in their sector.

6 January 1945.

Corps plan for 424th Infantry to relieve 117th Infantry (30th Infantry Division) during night of 6 - 7 January was postponed. Division remained in XVIII Corps (Abn) reserve and continued reconnaissance in preparation for relieving 117th Infantry Regiment of the 30th Infantry Division. Company C, 331st Medical Battalion and Company C, 81st Engineer (C) Battalion moved to vicinity LA REID to support the 424th Infantry.

7 January 1945.

At 2200A, XVIII Corps (Abn) ordered 424th RCT (less 591st Field Artillery Battalion) to move by motors to vicinity MOULIN DU RUY (K6804). Movement was to be coordinated with the 30th Infantry Division; on arrival 424th Infantry to be attached to the 30th Infantry Division for purpose of relieving 112th RCT in 30th Infantry Division zone night of 8 - 9 January.

8 January 1945

At 0155A, Company C, 81st Engineer (C) Battalion and Company C, 331st Medical Battalion were attached to the 424th Infantry and were moved by motors with 424th Infantry to vicinity of MOULIN DU RUY (K6804). At 0800A, 591st Field Artillery Battalion was relieved from attachment to 82d Airborne Division, reverted to the control of the 106th Infantry Division and was attached to the 424th Infantry.

9 January 1945.

424th RCT completed relief of 112th RCT (30th Infantry Division) at 1306A and passed to control of 30th Infantry Division. Bad roads caused considerable delay in making the relief. Remainder of the division continued reorganization.

10 January 1945.

Division Command Post closed in vicinity (K665105) southeast of SPA at 1800A. The 112th RCT relieved the 117th RCT (30th Infantry Division) during night of 10 - 11 January.

11 January 1945.

424th RCT and 112th RCT passed to division control at 1200A at which time this division assumed responsibility for that portion of the 30th Infantry Division sector occupied by these two units. Battery C of 634th Antiaircraft Artillery (AW) Battalion (M) was attached to the division at 1200A and at 2400A, the 517th Parachute Infantry (- 2d Battalion) with the 596th Parachute Engineer Company and 460th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion was attached to this division. Plans were made for 517th RCT to relieve 112th RCT night of 11 - 12 January. On relief, 112th RCT was to pass to First U. S. Army control. Company A, 643d Tank Destroyer Battalion and Company C, 740th Tank Battalion were attached to this division at 2000A.

12 January 1945.

Division Command Post moved to vicinity MOULIN DU RUY (K687-045) at 1515A. 517th RCT completed relief of 112th RCT as of 0740A and established bridgehead over L'AMBLEVE RIVER. Division, with attachments, consolidated positions and adjusted units preparatory for offensive action in zone.

13 January 1945.

Division attacked in zone with 75th Infantry Division on the right and the 30th Infantry Division on the left. 424th Infantry attacked at 0800A and reached objectives at (P712953)-(P707950), (P721958)-(P716958), and approached to within 500 yds of HENUMONT (P728982) and found it well defended from the west. 517th Parachute Infantry crossed L'AMBLEVE RIVER (P710997)-(K728011) at 0455A and reached objectives at points (P735000)-(P730997), (P745983)-(P733981) and (P758973)-(P750970). With the aid of engineers, units consolidated and strengthened positions preparatory to continuing the attack 14 January on order.

20 - 21 January 1945.

Division remained in Corps reserve. At 202400A, 517th Parachute Infantry was relieved from attachment to the 30th Infantry Division and passed to control of 106th Infantry Division for rehabilitation and resupply vicinity STAVELOT (K719009).

22 January 1945.

Acting on Corps order and in coordination with the 7th Armored Division, the 424th RCT made preparations to move to vicinity DIEDENBURG (P865955) by 231600A, for offensive operations in the 7th Armored Division zone.

23 January 1945.

Effective 0600A, the 460th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion was attached to this division vicinity STAVELOT (K719009). 424th RCT completed relief of the 508th Parachute Infantry in the 7th Armored Division sector at 2045A and became attached to the 7th Armored Division at that time. At 2400A, 517th RCT (- 2d Battalion) was relieved from attachment to the 106th Infantry Division and reverted to the control of the 82d Airborne Division.

24 January 1945.

106th Infantry Division (- 424th RCT) moved to assembly area vicinity ANTHISNES with command post at HOUCHEENEE (K380126).

25 - 27 January 1945.

Division (- 424th RCT) remained in Corps reserve.

28 January 1945.

424th RCT was relieved from attachment to the 7th Armored Division and reverted to division control at 1600A, at which time it was ordered to move to the division assembly area.

29 January 1945.

424th RCT closed in new assembly area north and northwest of ANTHISNES at 0100A with command post at (K347153). At this time combat team attachments ceased.

30 January 1945.

592d Field Artillery Battalion was relieved from attachment to XVIII Corps (Abn) Artillery and reverted to Division Artillery control at 0800A and moved to division assembly area.

31 January 1945.

All organic units of the division were assembled in Corps reserve.

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CHARLIE. A. BROCK,
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HEADQUARTERS 106TH INFANTRY DIVISION
O.A.P.O. #443, U.S. ARMY

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19 February 1945

SUBJECT: Action Against Enemy; Report After.

TO : The Adjutant General,
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SECTION I - AUTHORITY

In compliance with paragraph 10, AR 345-105, as changed by changes #4, this report of the 106th Infantry Division from 1 January 1945 - 31 January 1945, is hereby submitted.

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SECTION II - INTRODUCTION

1. Command: During the time covered by this report the 106th Infantry Division operated under the following headquarters and commanders:

- a. First U.S. Army Lt Gen Courtney Hodges
- b. XVIII Corps (Airborne). Maj Gen M. B. Ridgeway
- c. 106th Infantry Division Brig Gen Herbert T. Perrin

2. Composition of the 106th Infantry Division.

a. Organic.

<u>Units</u>	<u>Commanders</u>
424th Infantry	Col Alexander D. Reid - 0-15234 Until 15 January Lt Col Orville M. Hewitt - 0-16844 From 15 January until 20 January Col John R. Jeter - 0-16342 From 20 January
106th Division Artillery	Brig Gen Leo T. Mc Mahon - 0-10626
591st Field Artillery Bn	Lt Col Phillip T. Hoover 0381163
592d Field Artillery Bn	Lt Col Richard E. Weber - 0-19421
81st Engineer (C) Battalion	Maj Walter A. Marshall - 0-355959
331st Medical Battalion	Lt Col Irvin Neigus - 0-332539
106th Special Troops	Lt Col Walter S. Glenney - 0-328646
Division Headquarters Co	Capt William W. Neal - 0-374734
106th Signal Company	1st Lt Robert H. Caughman 01633111
806th Ordnance (LM) Co	Capt John W. Daniel - 0-505112
106th Quartermaster Co	Capt Albert L. Hofstetter 01292650
106th Military Police Plat	Maj William L. Mowlds - 0-168443

b. Attached.

517th RCT (- 2d Battalion)	11 - 17 January and 20 - 23 January
112th RCT	11 - 12 January
Battery C, 634th AAA (AW) Battalion (M)	11 - 19 January
Company A, 643d Tank Destroyer Battalion	11 - 19 January
Company C, 740th Tank Bat- talion	11 - 19 January

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3. This operations report covers the combat action of the 106th Infantry Division during the period since the last report, which was submitted as of 312400A December 1944, to 312400A January 1945.

4. Maps: The following maps were used in the operation:

GERMANY, scale 1:25,000

GS GS 4414 - 5502, 5503, 5504, 5602, 5603, 5604, 5702, 5703.

NE FRANCE & BELGIUM, scale 1:25,000

GS GS 4041 - 81S, 93N, 93S.

NE FRANCE & BELGIUM, scale 1:100,000

GS GS 4336 - 9, 13.

CENTRAL EUROPE, scale 1:100,000

GS GS 4416 - S-1, T-1.

NE FRANCE & BELGIUM, scale 1:50,000

GS GS 4040 - 80, 81, 92, 93.

SECTION III - ACTION AGAINST ENEMY, REPORT AFTER.

1. Summary of Action

During 1 - 9 January 1945, the 106th Infantry Division was in XVIII Corps (Airborne) reserve receiving reinforcements and supplies vicinity ANTHISNFS, BELGIUM (K429117). The 591st Field Artillery Battalion remained attached to 82d Airborne Division and the 592d Field Artillery Battalion remained attached to XVIII Corps (Airborne) Artillery.

At 091306A the 424th RCT on Corps order completed the relief of the 112th RCT and passed to the control of the 30th Infantry Division.

At 111200A the 424th RCT and 112th RCT passed to control of the 106th Infantry Division at which time the Division assumed responsibility for that portion of the 30th Infantry Division sector.

At 112400A the 517th RCT (- 2d Battalion) was attached to the 106th Infantry Division and completed the relief of the 112th RCT at 120740A January.

On the 12th of January the program of vigorous patrolling was intensified with the establishment of a bridgehead over the AMBLFVE RIVER south of STAVLOT by the 517th Parachute Infantry, with the result that valuable information was obtained from PWs.

On 13 January the 106th Infantry Division attacked in zone and by 151850A had secured assigned objectives along the line ENNAL (P712937), COULEE (P735955) and LOGBIERME (P738952). Physical contact was maintained with the 75th Infantry Division on the right and the 30th Infantry Division on the left.

Effective 171800A, the 517th Parachute Infantry was attached to the 30th Infantry Division. On 18 January the 106th Infantry Division was pinched out by the advancing 75th and 30th Infantry Divisions, and assembled as Corps reserve vicinity STAVLOT, BELGIUM (K719009). 106th Division Artillery supported fires of the 75th Infantry Division.

At 190800A, Battery C, 634th AAA (AW) Battalion (M), Company A, 634d Tank Destroyer Battalion, and Company C, 740th Tank Battalion reverted to XVIII Corps control. The 517th Parachute Infantry passed to control of the 106th Infantry Division for rehabilitation and resupply vicinity STAVLOT.

On 22 January the 424th RCT moved to vicinity DIEDENBURG (P865955) relieving the 508th Parachute Infantry on 232045A and becoming attached to the 7th Armored Division at that time.

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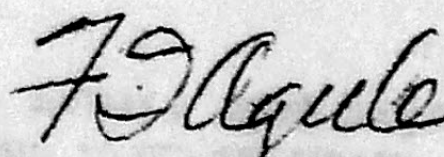
At 232400A, the 517th Parachute Infantry (- 2d Battalion) was relieved from attachment to the 106th Infantry Division.

On 24 January the 106th Infantry Division (- 424th RCT) moved to assembly area vicinity ANTHISNES, BELGIUM with Command Post at HOUCHEENEE, (K380126). By 300800A January 1945, all organic units had reverted to division control and had closed in the assembly area.

During the period of this report the first formal presentation of decorations was made and the first battlefield commissions were announced in formal ceremonies.

Reinforcements throughout the month of January consisted of four officers and 174 enlisted men. Eight officers and 193 enlisted men, hospitalized personnel of this division were returned to duty through reinforcement channels.

For the commanding General:



F. I. AGULE,
Lt. Colonel, A.G.D.,
Adjutant General.

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